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Mr. Gary R. Jacobson  
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Re: Approval of Tier 2 Remedial Investigation Work Plan  
Star Lake Canal Superfund Site; Jefferson County, Texas  
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (AOC) for Remedial  
Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)  
CERCLA Docket No. 06-02-06

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

As you know, considerable work has been accomplished at the Star Lake Canal Superfund site. Your contractors, Contestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA), and ENTRIX, Inc. (ENTRIX) on behalf of CEMC and Huntsman, have conducted the Tier 1 RI activities as outlined in the AOC for the Site. CRA and ENTRIX have also submitted several deliverables for the draft Tier 2 RI Work Plan. In summary, the Revised Draft Tier 2 RI Work Plan (WP) was submitted to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the trustees on August 22, 2008. Comments on the Revised Draft Tier 2 RI WP were provided to CEMC and Huntsman in correspondence dated September 23, 2008, September 26, 2008, October 30, 2008 and November 3, 2008. Responses to the Tier 2 RI WP comments were submitted on October 15, 2008 and November 18, 2008. A Revised Draft Tier 2 RI WP Addendum was prepared to address the review comments and to supplement the Revised Draft Tier 2 RI WP dated August 2008. The Addendum was submitted to the EPA, the TCEQ, and the trustees on January 23, 2009.

After extensive review of the above mentioned submittals, I am satisfied that all of the comments have been adequately addressed; therefore, this letter is intended as official documentation of EPA approval of the Tier 2 RI Work Plan, as agreed upon in the AOC. Please



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proceed with field sampling activities for the Tier 2 RI. Per our phone conversation, it is anticipated the field work may commence in early April 2009. Please keep me updated on the schedule for this field work.

If you have further questions, please contact me at (214) 665-8516.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip H. Allen", written over the closing "Sincerely yours,".

Philip H. Allen, P.E.  
Remedial Project Manager